

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-8. (Previously Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A manufacturing method ~~of for making~~ a conduction assist member having a plurality of conduction members disposed in some or all a plurality of through holes formed ~~in a large number in a~~ an insulating elastic sheet made of an insulating elastic material, comprising the steps of:

a first step ~~for of~~ forming a plurality of through holes in each of two films made of comprising an insulating elastic material at locations corresponding to each other, each of said through holes extending through each of said films from a first opening to an opposed second opening;

a second step ~~for of~~ forming, from a conductive material, a structure consisting ~~of comprising~~ a number plurality of cut pieces linked with to one another in a linear manner, and each of said cut pieces having at least one, two or more cuts cut defining at least two blades;

a third step ~~for laying of~~ disposing said structure between said two films so that each of said cut piece-pieces is disposed in said a respective one of said through hole-holes and forming a sheet by bringing said two-films together into thermal press contact to form a sheet; and

a fourth step ~~for of~~ cutting said cut pieces from one another and bending at least one or some of two or more of said at least two blades formed by said cuts toward one of two said first opening portions-portion of the a respective one of said through hole-holes so that ends an end portion of said blades formed on said cut pieces protrude at least one blade protrudes from said first opening portions-portion on the same surface of the said sheet.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A-The manufacturing method of a conduction assist member as claimed in claim 9, wherein the said cut pieces are cut from one another by making punching to said sheet and said blades are bent by making punching to said through holes.~~

11. (Withdrawn) A manufacturing method of a conduction assist member having conduction members disposed in some or all through holes formed in a large number in a sheet made of an insulating elastic material comprising:

a first step for forming cut piece each of which has one, two or more cuts and is made of a conductive material by etching a sheet having a layer made of a conductive material at a predetermined pitch on one surface of a film made of an insulating elastic material;

a second step for covering said cut pieces by laminating another film made of an insulating elastic material with said film and forming a sheet by bringing said two films into thermal press contact;

a third step for forming through holes in the vicinities of said cut pieces; and

a fourth step for bending one or some of two or more blades formed by said cuts toward one of two opening portions of the through hole so that ends of said blades formed on said cut pieces protrude from said opening on the same surface of the sheet.

12. (Withdrawn) A manufacturing method of a conduction assist member as claimed in claim 11, wherein said blades are bent by making punching to said through hole.

13. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A-The manufacturing method of a conduction assist member as claimed in claim 9, wherein at least another or others one of said blades are at least two blades is bent, at said fourth step, toward an said second opening portion different from the of a respective one of said through holes opening portion which in the a~~

direction ~~where the one or some of the blades are~~ substantially opposing the direction in which said at least one blade is bent.

14. (Withdrawn) A manufacturing method of a conduction assist member as claimed in claim 11, wherein another or others of said blades are bent, at said fourth step, toward an opening portion different from the opening portion which in the direction where the one or some of the blades are bent.

15. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A-The manufacturing method of a conduction assist member as claimed in claim 9, wherein each~~ of said cut piecepieces has comprises two blades formed by a single cut.

16. (Withdrawn) A manufacturing method of a conduction assist member as claimed in claim 11, wherein each cut piece has two blades formed by a single cut.

17. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A-The manufacturing method of a conduction assist member as claimed in claim 9, wherein the~~ said first and second opening portions of said through holes have are formed in a circular shape and having a diameter of the opening portions is in a range of 0.2 to 1.2 mm.

18. (Withdrawn) A manufacturing method of a conduction assist member as claimed in claim 11, wherein the opening portions of said through holes have a circular shape and a diameter of the opening portions is 0.2 to 1.2 mm.

19. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A-The manufacturing method of a conduction assist member as claimed in claim 9, wherein a pitch of said through holes is~~ in a range of 0.25 to 1.5 mm.

20. (Withdrawn) A manufacturing method of a conduction assist member as claimed in claim 11, wherein a pitch of said through holes is 0.25 to 1.5 mm.

21. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A~~The manufacturing method of ~~a conduction assist member as claimed in claim 9~~, wherein said conductive material is made ~~of~~comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of beryllium copper, titanium copper, copper-nickel-tin alloy, phosphor bronze and copper-nickel silicon alloy.

22. (Withdrawn) A manufacturing method of a conduction assist member as claimed in claim 11, wherein said conductive material is made of at least one material selected from the group consisting of beryllium copper, titanium copper, copper-nickel-tin alloy, phosphor bronze and copper-nickel silicon alloy.

23. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A~~The manufacturing method of ~~a conduction assist member as claimed in claim 9~~, wherein said insulating elastic material is ~~is~~comprises rubber or resin.

24. (Withdrawn) A manufacturing method of a conduction assist member as claimed in claim 11, wherein said insulating elastic material is rubber or resin.

25. (Previously Cancelled).

26. (Previously Cancelled).